

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William F. Westermann on July 29, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1

Line 16, the term "rolling element relief bores" has been changed to - - said rolling element relief bores - -.

Line 18, the term "moving block" has been changed to - - said moving block - -.

Line 26, the term "distal ends" has been changed to - - side end surfaces - -.

Line 33, the term "end plates" has been changed to - - said end plates - -.

Line 33, the term "attachment devices" has been changed to - - said attachment devices - -.

Claim 4

Lines 2 – 4, the phrase "wherein longitudinal end surfaces of said foreign matter entry preventing plates are secured to said metal scrapers" has been deleted.

Claim 7

Line 2, the phrase "foreign matter entry preventing plates have respective side end surfaces" has been changed to - - side end surfaces of said foreign matter entry preventing plates - -

Line 2, the term "contacting" has been changed to - - contact - -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHILLIP A. JOHNSON whose telephone number is (571) 270-5216. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - FRI, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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